

## ***STOLEN AND RECOVERED PROPERTY VALUES***

Supplementary reports relating to property stolen and recovered provide information on the estimated value of such property. The investigating officer has the obligation to assess the value of property stolen and recovered in each crime index offense. The officer is guided by the following instructions:

1. Use fair market value for items subject to depreciation.
2. Use wholesale cost of goods stolen from retail establishments.
3. Use victim's evaluation of non-depreciable items.
4. Use cost of replacement to victims for new or almost new items.

There was more than 23 million dollars' worth of property reported stolen in Maine during 1998. This value does not include the value of property damaged due to vandalism, malicious mischief or arson.

During 1998:

- Property stolen totaled \$23,785,312, down 6.6% from the 1997 figure of \$25,476,219.
- There was \$8,100,971 worth of property recovered, down 17.9% from \$9,869,862 in 1997.
- The rate of recovery was 34.1%, compared to 38.7% for 1997.
- The property type with the highest recovery rate was Locally Stolen Motor Vehicles, 67.0%.
- The dollar value of property stolen and recovered less motor vehicles was \$15,568,493 stolen, \$2,598,138 (16.7%) recovered.

### ***Breakdown by Type and Value of Property***

<b>Type of Property</b>	<b>Value Stolen</b>	<b>Value Recovered</b>	<b>Percent Recovered</b>
Currency, Notes, etc.	\$2,353,248	\$311,782	13.2%
Jewelry, Precious Metals	\$1,668,453	\$282,801	16.9%
Clothing and Furs	\$442,780	\$194,446	43.9%
Locally Stolen Motor Vehicles	\$8,216,819	\$5,502,833	67.0%
Office Equipment	\$551,286	\$95,324	17.3%
TVs, Radios, VCRs, Cameras	\$2,150,644	\$218,950	10.2%
Firearms	\$206,584	\$58,484	28.3%
Household Goods	\$485,973	\$53,810	11.1%
Consumable Goods	\$324,679	\$48,852	15.0%
Livestock	\$28,488	\$16,234	57.0%
Miscellaneous	\$7,356,358	\$1,317,455	17.9%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$23,785,312</b>	<b>\$8,100,971</b>	<b>34.1%</b>

(Note: The value of property recovered may include items stolen during a previous reporting period.)